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17 January 1956

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Physical Security Division

**ATTENTION:**

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**SUBJECT:** Loss of Classified Material

1. This report is submitted in accordance with your request during our telephone conversation this afternoon.

2. On 20 December 1955 this Office sent to the Regulations Control Staff duplimats containing fifteen opinions of this Office and five Comptroller General decisions concerning the Agency. We have a courier's classified mail receipt which shows that the material was picked up from this Office by the courier at 1045 on 20 December. The Courier Service informs us that they have a receipt for this material signed by [REDACTED] of Regulations Control Staff at 1330 on 20 December. Although we did not include a document receipt with this material, the logging clerk of this Office, [REDACTED] is able to identify our receipt and that in the hands of the Courier Branch as the ones pertaining to this material because she placed a number "3" in the upper right hand corner of each receipt.

3. On 16 January, I called the Chief, Regulations Control Staff, to ask when he expected the published opinions to be returned from the printer. After making inquiries of his staff members, he reported that they had no recollection of receiving the duplimats. Upon being told of the signed mail receipts, he instituted a search for the missing material and at about 1500 on 17 January reported that it could not be found.

4. Most, if not all, of the opinions of this Office on the missing mats are classified secret and at least one of the five Comptroller General's decisions is also classified secret. The opinions, by their very nature, touch upon sensitive subjects, such as the fact of agents under varying covers being assigned to foreign areas, as well as matters of a general administrative nature which are often, but not always, of some degree of sensitivity.

5. This report is submitted in accordance with your instructions in order that you may institute appropriate action to

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discover the possible whereabouts of the missing material as well as the inadequacies of office procedure which allowed the material to become lost. In the event that you have need of further information, please call me on x621.

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